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AN ACT *to repeal* 118.30 (1s) (b), 118.60 (2) (b), 119.23 (2) (a) 3m. and 119.23 (7)

(f); to renumber 118.60 (1) (a); to renumber and amend 118.30 (1s) (a), 118.60 (2) (a) 7. and 895.035 (1) (a); to amend 7.30 (2) (am), 20.255 (1) (j) (title), 20.255 (2) (fv) (title), 48.355 (2) (c), 118.07 (2) (a), 118.07 (3), 118.30 (2) (b) 5., 118.33 (1) (f) 3., 118.33 (6) (c) 1., 118.33 (6) (c) 2., 118.60 (title), 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.), 118.60 (2) (a) 3. a., 118.60 (9), 118.60 (10) (c), 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.), 119.23 (2) (a) 3., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. a., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. b., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. c., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. d., 119.23 (9), 119.23 (10) (a) 2., 119.23 (10) (am) 1., 119.23 (10) (c), 447.06 (2) (a) 2. and 950.08 (2w); and to create 39.41 (1) (aj), 115.001 (3d), 118.60 (1) (ab), 118.60 (1) (bn), 118.60 (1) (cm), 118.60 (2) (a) 3g., 118.60 (2) (a) 7. c., 118.60 (2) (ag), 118.60 (2) (ar), 118.60 (7) (ad), 118.60 (7) (ao), 118.60 (7) (em), 118.60 (10) (am) 1., 118.23 (2) (a) 3g., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. bm. and br., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. e., 119.23 (2) (ag), 119.23 (2) (ar), 119.23 (7) (ad), 119.23 (7) (ao), 119.23 (7) (em), 119.23 (10) (ar), 119.23 (11) (c), 895.035 (1) (a) 2. and 938.02 (6m) of the

statutes; **relating to:** requirements for new private schools seeking to participate in a parental choice program and requiring a private school participating in a parental choice program to maintain accreditation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This is a preliminary draft. An analysis will be provided in a subsequent version of this draft.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.30 (2) (am) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a pupil who is 16 or 17 years of age and who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school or in a tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), may serve as an inspector at the polling place serving the pupil's residence, with the approval of the pupil's parent or guardian. Any pupil who has at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent may serve. In addition, a school board ex, governing body of a private school, as defined in s. 115.001 (3d), or tribal school may establish criteria for service by a pupil who does not have at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent. A pupil may serve as an inspector at a polling place under this paragraph only if at least one election official at the polling place other than the chief inspector is a qualified elector of this state. No pupil may serve as chief inspector at a polling place under this paragraph. Before appointment by any municipality of a pupil as an inspector under this paragraph, the municipal clerk shall obtain written authorization from the pupil's parent or guardian for the pupil to serve for the election for which he or she is

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appointed. In addition, if a pupil does not have at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent, the municipal clerk shall obtain written certification from the principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled that the pupil meets any criteria established by the school board or governing body for service as an inspector. Upon appointment of a pupil to serve as an inspector, the municipal clerk shall notify the principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled of the name of the pupil and the date of the election at which the pupil has been appointed to serve.

SECTION 2. 20.255 (1) (j) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (1) (j) (title) Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and the parental choice programs in other program for eligible school districts; financial audits.

SECTION 3. 20.255 (2) (fv) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.255 (2) (fv) (title) Milwaukee Parental Choice Program and the parental choice programs in other program for eligible school districts; transfer pupils.

Section 4. 39.41 (1) (aj) of the statutes is created to read:

39.41 (1) (aj) "Governing body of a private school" has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (3d).

SECTION 5. 48.355 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.355 (2) (c) If school attendance is a condition of an order under par. (b) 7., the order shall specify what constitutes a violation of the condition and shall direct the school board of the school district, in which the child is enrolled or the governing body of the private school, as defined in s. 115.001 (3d), in which the child is enrolled, or shall request the governing body of the tribal school in which the child is enrolled, to notify the county department that is responsible for supervising the child or, in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, the department within 5 days after any violation of the condition by the child.

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SECTION 6. 115.001 (3d) of the statutes is created to read:

115.001 (**3d**) GOVERNING BODY OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL. "Governing body of a private school" and "governing body of a new private school" means a board elected or appointed to govern the private school or, if no board is appointed or elected to govern the school, any other person having direct charge of the private school.

Note: Under s. 990.01 (26), "person' includes all partnerships, associations and bodies politic or corporate." Okay?

SECTION 7. 118.07 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.07 (2) (a) Once each month, without previous warning, the person having direct charge of any public or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method of departure from the building in case of a fire, except when the person having direct charge deems that the health of the pupils may be endangered by inclement weather conditions. At least twice annually, without previous warning, the person having direct charge of any public or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method of evacuation to a safe location in case of a tornado or other hazard. At least twice annually, without previous warning, the person having direct charge of any public or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method of evacuation or other appropriate action in case of a school safety incident. The public and private school safety drill shall be based on the school safety plan adopted under s. 118.07 (4). A safety drill may be substituted for any other drill required under this paragraph. The school board or governing body of the person having direct charge of the private school shall maintain for at least 7 years a record of each fire drill, tornado or other hazard drill, and school safety drill conducted.

Section 8. 118.07 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

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118.07 (3) The department shall make available to school districts, private schools, tribal schools, and charter schools information about meningococcal disease, including the causes and symptoms of the disease, how it is spread, and how to obtain additional information about the disease and the availability, effectiveness, and risks of vaccinations against the disease. The department may do so by posting the information on its Internet site. At the beginning of the 2006-07 to 2011-12 school years, each school board and the governing body of each private school and each charter school shall provide the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grades 6 to 12 in the school district or school with the information. At the beginning of the 2012-13 school year and each school year thereafter, each school board and the governing body of each private school and each charter school shall provide the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grade 6 in the school district or school with the information.

SECTION 9. 118.30 (1s) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 118.30 (1s), and 118.30 (1s) (intro.), as renumbered, is amended to read:

118.30 (1s) (intro.) Except as provided in par. (b), annually Annually, the governing body of each private school participating in the program under s. 119.23 shall do all of the following:

SECTION 10. 118.30 (1s) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

Section 11. 118.30 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes/is amended to read:

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118.30 (2) (b) 5. Upon the request of a pupil's parent or guardian, the governing body of a private school participating in the program under s. 119.23 shall excuse the pupil from taking an examination administered under sub. (1s) (a) 1. to (3 (c)

Section 12. 118.33 (1) (f) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.33 (1) (f) 3. Beginning on September 1, 2005, neither Neither a school board nor an operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) may grant a high school diploma to any pupil unless the pupil has satisfied the criteria specified in the school board's or charter school's policy under subd. 1. or 2. Beginning on September 1, 2010, the The governing body of a private school participating in the program under s. 119.23 may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil attending the private school under s. 119.23 unless the pupil has satisfied the criteria specified in the governing body's policy under subd. 2m. The governing body of a private school participating in the program under s. 118.60 may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil attending the private school under s. 118.60 unless the pupil has satisfied the criteria specified in the governing body's policy under subd. 2r.

Section 13. 118.33 (6) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.33 (6) (c) 1. The governing body of each private school participating in the program under s. 119.23 shall adopt a written policy specifying criteria for promoting a pupil who is attending the private school under s. 119.23 from the 4th grade to the 5th grade and from the 8th grade to the 9th grade. The criteria shall include the pupil's score on the examination administered under s. 118.30 (1s) (a) 1. or 2. (b), unless the pupil has been excused from taking the examination under s. 118.30 (2) (b); the pupil's academic performance; the recommendations of teachers, which shall be based solely on the pupil's academic performance; and any other academic criteria specified by the governing body of the private school.

SECTION 14. 118.33 (6) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.33 **(6)** (c) 2. Beginning on September 1, 2010, the <u>The</u> governing body of a private school participating in the program under s. 119.23 may not promote a 4th grade pupil who is attending the private school under s. 119.23 to the 5th grade, and

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may not promote an 8th grade pupil who is attending the private school under s. 1 2 119.23 to the 9th grade, unless the pupil satisfies the criteria for promotion specified 3 in the governing body's policy under subd. 1. **SECTION 15.** 118.60 (title) of the statutes is amended to read: 118.60 (title) Parental choice programs program for eligible school 5 districts. 6 7 **SECTION 16.** 118.60 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (1) (ae). 8 **SECTION 17.** 118.60 (1) (ab) of the statutes is created to read: "Accrediting entity" means Wisconsin North Central 9 118.60 (1) (ab) Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, 10 Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical 11 Wisconcin Association of Ehricken Echools A Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, the (12)diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located, and any other 13 14 organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation. **SECTION 18.** 118.60 (1) (bn) of the statutes is created to read: 15 118.60 (1) (bn) "New private school" means a school that satisfies either of the 16 17 following: 18 1. The school qualifies as a private school under s. 115.001 (3r), but has never 19 operated in this state. 2. The school satisfies all of the following: 20 a. The school is operating as a private school, as defined under s. 115.001 (3r). 21b. The school has been in continuous operation for less than 12 consecutive 22months. 23c. The school is not participating in the program under this section or under s. 24 119.23. 25

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(1)d. The school provides education to a minimum of 40 pupils divided into 2 or 2 fewer grades. e. The school is not operated or managed by a corporate board that currently 3 operates or manages a private school that is participating in the program under this 4 section or under s. 119.23. ****Note: Do you want to specify what "corporate board" means? **SECTION 19.** 118.60 (1) (cm) of the statutes is created to read: 6 7 118.60 **(1)** (cm) "Preaccrediting entity" means the Institute for the 8 Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, Wisconsin North Central 9 Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical 10 11 Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, and 12 the diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located. of as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 200 $\widehat{13}$ **SECTION 20.** 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read: 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.)/Subject to par. (b) pars. (ag) and (ar), any pupil in grades 14 15 kindergarten to 12 who resides within an eligible school district may attend any NSext 8-16 private school if all of the following apply:) as affected by 2013 Wisconin Act 20 A $\widehat{17}$ SECTION 21. 118.60 (2) (a) 3. a. of the statutes/is amended to read: 18 118.60 (2) (a) 3. a. Except as provided in subd. 3. b./and sub. (2) (ag) 1., the 19 private school notified the state superintendent of its intent to participate in the or in the program and er 5.119.23 program under this section, and paid the nonrefundable fee set by the department 21as required under s. 119.23 (2) (a) 3., by February 1 of the previous school year. The notice shall specify the number of pupils participating in the program under this 22

Section 22. 118.60 (2) (a) 3g. of the statutes is created to read:

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under this section, the governing body of the private school submits to the department on a form provided by the department an anticipated budget for the first fiscal period of participation in the program under this section that shows a positive cash flow in each month of the fiscal period and no operating deficit. The governing body shall include in the interpated budget anticipated enrollments for all pupils enrolled in the private school and for pupils enrolled in the private school under this section; estimated revenues and costs; a schedule of anticipated beginning and ending net choice program assets; and a schedule of monthly cash flow requirements. The governing body shall include in the budget contingent funding sources the private school will use in the event that actual enrollments are less than expected.

****Note: As this is a prerequisite to participation, rather than a requirement for private schools that are already participating in the program, I create it under sub. (2) rather than under sub. (7) as proposed in the drafting instructions. I also match the language under this subdivision with the language proposed for s. 118.60 (2) (ag) 1. b.; that is, I use "anticipated budget" rather than "complete budget" and "first fiscal period" rather than "ensuing fiscal period." Finally, I require the budget to have a positive cash flow in each month and no operating deficit, as these are required of "new private schools." Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the changes made in this provision.

****NOTE: Forgive my ignorance. I understand that this language comes from DPI's administrative rules governing the MPCP; that doesn't necessarily mean that it makes sense to me as a legislative drafter. What does "beginning and ending net choice program assets" mean? And "monthly cash flow requirements"? It would be helpful for me to have this in plain English to make sure that what I am drafting makes sense. Thank you!

SECTION 23. 118.60 (2) (a) 7. of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (2) (a) 7. a.

and amended to read:

118.60 (2) (a) 7. a. For a private school that is a first-time participant in the program under this section, and that is not accredited by Wisconsin North Central of this subdo to Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent School Accreditation,

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diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located, or by any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private Schools Accreditation an accrediting entity, the private school obtains preaccreditation by the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, or the diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located a preaccreditation entity by September 1 before the first school term of participation in the program moor 50 119.23 in the program under this section that begins after August 31, 2011; by August 1 before the first school term of participation in the program under this section that begins in the first school year that begins after a school district is identified as an eligible school district under sub. (1m) or by May 1 if the private school begins participation in the program under this section during summer school. In any school year, a private school may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation from only one of the entities enumerated in this subdivision preaccrediting entity. A private school that fails to obtain accreditation preaccreditation in a school year may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation from one of the entities enumerated in this subdivision a preaccrediting entity in the following school year. The b. Each private school shall achieve accreditation by Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation,

Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical

Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, the

diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located, or any other

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b. [LRB inserts date], that is not accredited by an accrediting entity shall apply for accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31 of the first school year that begins after the effective date of this subd. 7. b. [LRB inserts date], and shall achieve accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31 of the 3rd school year following the first school year in which the private school begins participation in the program under this section that begins after the effective date of this subd. 7. b. [LRB inserts date]. If the private school is accredited under this subdivision subd. 7. b., the private school is not required to obtain preaccreditation under subd. 7. a. or additional accreditation by an accrediting entity as a prerequisite to providing instruction under this section in additional grades or in an additional or new school.

****Note: Bob Soldner at DPI requested language indicating that, once a private school is accredited, the private school does not need to seek additional accreditation to add grades. I have two questions about this request:

- 1. Does the language "or additional accreditation by an accrediting entity" satisfy this request? See also ss. 118.60(2)(a) 7. c. and 119.23(2)(a) 7. bg., 7. br., 7. d., and 7. e.
- 2. Is there no difference between the requirements for accreditation for a private school that offers elementary grades and the requirements for accreditation for a private school that offers high school grades?

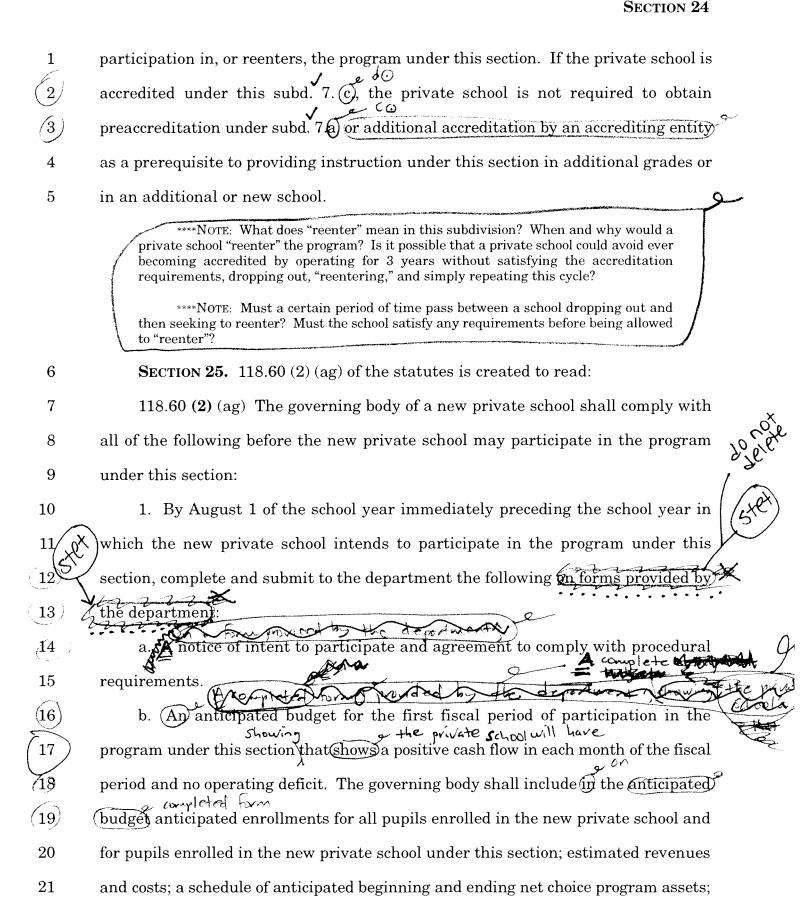
SECTION 24. 118.60 (2) (a) 7. c./of the statutes is created to read:

118.60 (2) (a) 7. c. Beginning on the effective date of this subd. 7. c. [LRB]

inserts date, each private school that begins participation in, or reenters, the

program under this section and that is not accredited by an accrediting entity shall

apply for accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31 of the first school year that begins after the effective date of this subd. 7. (c) [LRB inserts date], in which the private school begins participation in, or reenters, the program under this section, and shall achieve accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31 of the 3rd school year following the school year in which the private school begins

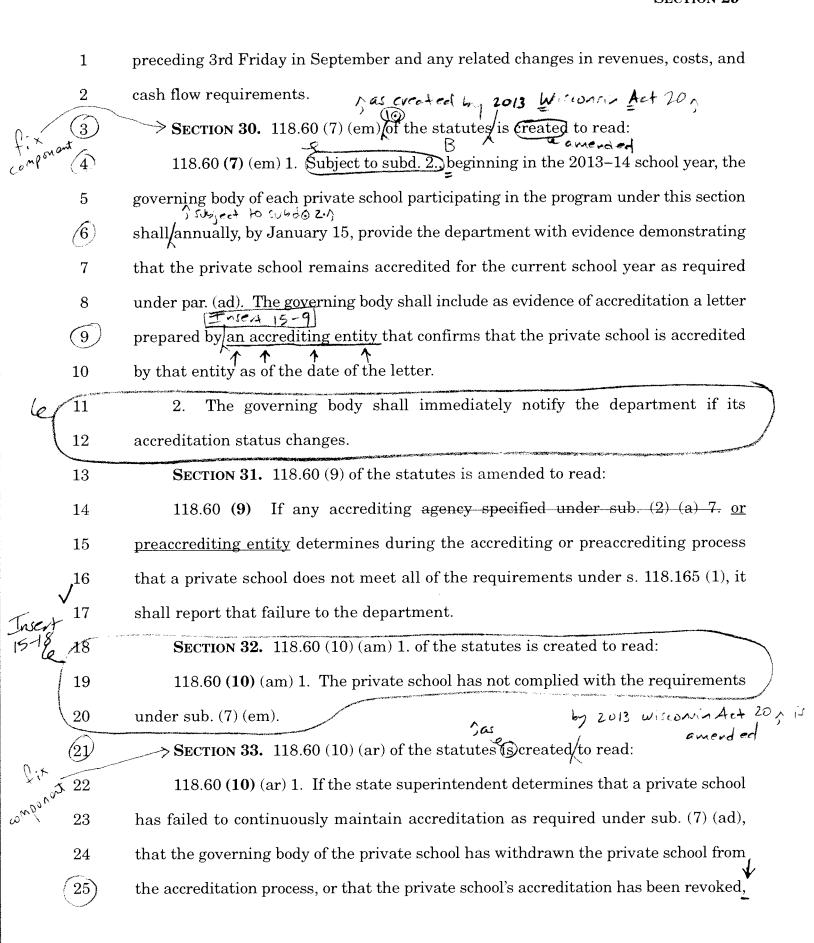


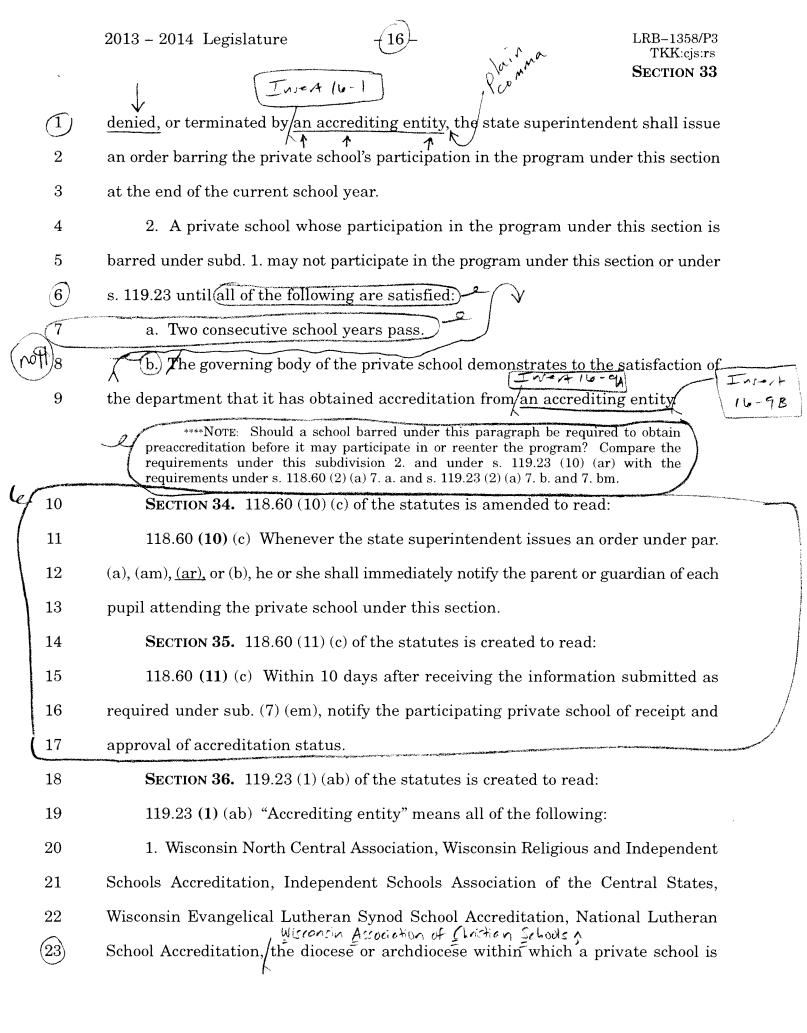
- and a schedule of monthly cash flow requirements. The governing body shall include in the budget contingent funding sources the new private school will use in the event that actual enrollments are less than expected.
- c. The nonrefundable fee established by the department, as required under s. 119.23 (2) (a) 3., for the school year in which the fee is paid by the new private school. If the amount of the fee paid by the new private school under this subd. 1. c. increases for the school year in which the new private school will first participate in the program under this section, the new private school shall pay the difference between the fee paid and the fee due to the department. If the amount of the fee paid by the new private school under this subd. 1. c. decreases for the school year in which the new private school will first participate in the program under this section, the department shall refund the new private school the difference between the fee paid and the fee due to the department.
- 2. a. By August 1 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this section, submit to the department the information required under sub. (6m) (a) and (c).
- b. If, at the time the new private school submits the information required under subd. 2. a., the new private school does not have a physical property within which the private school intends to operate, submit a mailing address of an administrator of the private school.
- 3. By August 1 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this section, submit to the department a statement indicating which of the standards under sub. (7) (a) the private school intends to meet.

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	4. Notwithstanding the deadline to obtain preaccreditation under sub. (2) (a)
	7. a., by December 15 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in
	which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this
	section, obtain preaccreditation from a preaccrediting entity.
	SECTION 26. 118.60 (2) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:
	118.60 (2) (ar) By December 31 of the school year immediately preceding the
	school year in which a new private school intends to participate in the program under
	this section, the department shall notify the new private school in writing whether
	it has satisfied those requirements under par. (ag) that must be satisfied before
	December 31. If the department determines that the new private school has not
	satisfied those requirements, the new private school may not participate in the
	program under this section in the following school year, but may immediately
	reinitiate the process under par. (ag). by 2013 Wisconsin Act of renumbered 118.40(7)
MS AGAINST 4	SECTION 27. 118.60 (2) (b) of the statutes is repealed.
nent	SECTION 28. 118.60 (7) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:
	118.60 (7) (ad) The governing body of a private school participating in the
	program under this section and accredited as required under sub. (2) (a) 7. shall
	ensure that the private school continuously maintains accreditation from an
	accrediting entity as long as the private school continues to participate in the
	program under this section.
	Section 29. 118.60 (7) (ao) of the statutes is created to read:
	118.60 (7) (ao) By November 1 of the first school term in which a new private
	school participates in the program under this section, the governing body of the

a budget reflecting the enrollments in the new private school on the immediately





1	located, and any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private
2	School Accreditation.
3	2. Subject to sub. (2) (a) 7. e., for a private school to which sub. (2) (a) 7. c.
4	applies, the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University.
5	Section 37. 119.23 (1) (ai) of the statutes is created to read:
6	119.23 (1) (ai) "New private school" means a school that satisfies either of the
7	following:
8	1. The school qualifies as a private school under s. 115.001 (3r), but has never
9	operated in this state.
10	2. The school satisfies all of the following:
11	a. The school is operating as a private school, as defined under s. 115.001 (3r).
12	b. The school has been in continuous operation for less than 12 consecutive
13	months.
14	c. The school is not participating in the program under this section or under s.
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1 6)	d. The school provides education to a minimum of 40 pupils divided into 2 or
17	fewer grades.
18	e. The school is not operated or managed by a corporate board that currently
19	operates or manages a private school that is participating in the program under this
20	section or under s. 118.60.
21	SECTION 38. 119.23 (1) (ap) of the statutes is created to read:
22	119.23 (1) (ap) "Preaccrediting entity" means the Institute for the
23	Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, Wisconsin North Central
24	Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation,
25	Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical

1	Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, and
2	the diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located.
3	SECTION 39. 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
4	119.23 (2) (a) (intro.) Any Subject to pars. (ag) and (ar), any pupil in grades
5	kindergarten to 12 who resides within the city may attend any private school if all
6	of the following apply: Sar affected by 2013 Wisconsia Act 20%
7	SECTION 40. 119.23 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
(8)	119.23 (2) (a) 3. Except as provided in subd. 3m. b. sub. (2) (ag) 1., the private
9	school notified the state superintendent of its intent to participate in the program
10	under this section, and paid a nonrefundable fee set by the department, by February
11	1 of the previous school year. The notice shall specify the number of pupils
12	participating in the program under this section for which the school has space. The
13	department shall by rule set the fee charged under this subdivision at an amount
14	such that the total fee revenue covers the costs of employing one full-time auditor
15	to evaluate the financial information submitted by private schools under sub. (7)
16	(am) and (d) 2. and 3. and under s. 118.60 (7) (am) and (d) 2. and 3.
17	SECTION 41. 119.23 (2) (a) 3g. of the statutes is created to read:
18)	119.23 (2) (a) 3g. By May 2 before the first term of participation in the program
(19)	under this section, the governing body of the private school submits to the
20	department on a form provided by the department an anticipated budget for the first
(21)	fiscal period of participation in the program under this section that shows a positive
22	cash flow in each month of the fiscal period and no operating deficit. The governing
23)	body shall include in the anticipated budget anticipated enrollments for all pupils
24	enrolled in the private school and for pupils enrolled in the private school under this
25	section; estimated revenues and costs; a schedule of anticipated beginning and

1	ending net choice program assets; and a schedule of monthly cash flow requirements.
2	The governing body shall include in the budget contingent funding sources the
3	private school will use in the event that actual enrollments are less than expected.
4	SECTION 42. 119.23 (2) (a) 3m. of the statutes is repealed.
(3	SECTION 43. 119.23 (2) (a) 7. a. of the statutes is amended to read:
6	119.23 (2) (a) 7. a. Subject to subd. 7. c. and d., for a private school participating
7	in the program under this section on July 1, 2009, the private school achieves
8	accreditation by Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and
9	Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central
10	States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National
(11)	Lutheran School Accreditation, the diocese or archdiocese within which the private
12	school is located, or any other organization recognized by the National Council for
13	Private School Accreditation, an accrediting entity by December 31 of the 3rd school
14	year following the first school year that begins after June 30, 2006, in which it
15	participates in the program under this section. If the private school is accredited as
16	provided under this subd. 7. a., the private school is not required to obtain
17)	preaccreditation under subd. 7. b or additional accreditation by an accrediting entity
18	as a prerequisite to providing instruction under this section in additional grades or
19	in an additional or new school. The affected by 2013 wisconsin 4+ 207
(20)	SECTION 44. 119.23 (2) (a) 7. b. of the statutes is amended to read:
21	119.23 (2) (a) 7. b. Subject to subd. 7. c. and d., for For a private school that is
(22)	a first-time participant in the program under this section on after July 1, 2009,
23	and before the effective date of this subd. 7. b [LRB inserts date], and that is not
24	accredited as provided under subd. 7. a., the private school obtains preaccreditation
25	by the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University,

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2	Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin
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4	Accreditation, or the diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located
5	a preaccrediting entity by August 1 before the first school term of participation in the
<u>(6)</u>	program under this section that begins after July 1,2009, or by May 1 if the private
(7)	school begins participating in the program during summer school. In any school
8	year, a private school to which this subd. 7. b. applies may apply for and seek to obtain
9	preaccreditation from only one of the entities enumerated in this subd. 7. b
10	preaccrediting entity. A private school to which this subd. 7. b. applies that fails to
11	obtain accreditation preaccreditation in a school year may apply for and seek to
12	obtain preaccreditation from one of the entities enumerated in this subd. 7. b. a
13	preaccrediting entity in the following school year. The
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15	achieve accreditation by Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious
16	and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the
17	Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation,
(18)	National Lutheran School Accreditation/the diocese or archdiocese within which the
19	private school is located, or any other organization recognized by the National
20	Council for Private School Accreditation, an accrediting entity by December 31 of the
21	3rd school year following the first school year that begins after July 1, 2009, in which
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SECTION 45. 119.23 (2) (a) 7. bm. and br. of the statutes are created to read:

119.23 (2) (a) 7. bm. For a private school that begins participation in, or reenters, the program under this section on or after the effective date of this subd. 7. bm. [LRB inserts date], and that is not accredited by an accrediting entity, the private school obtains preaccreditation by a preaccrediting entity by August 1 before the first school term in which the private school begins participation in, or reenters, the program under this section, or by May 1 if the private school begins participating in, or reenters, the program during summer school. In any school year, a private school to which this subd. 7. bm. applies may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation from only one preaccrediting entity. A private school to which this subd. 7. bm. applies that fails to obtain preaccreditation in a school year may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation from a preaccrediting entity in the following school year.

br. A private school to which subd. 7. bm. applies shall apply for accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31 of the first school year that begins after the effective date of this subd. 7. br. [LRB inserts date], in which the private school begins participation in, or reenters, the program under this section, and shall achieve accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31 of the 3rd school year following the school year in which the private school begins participation in, or reenters, the program under this section. If the private school is accredited under this subd. 7. br., the private school is not required to obtain preaccreditation for additional accrediting by an accrediting entity as a prerequisite to providing instruction under this section in additional grades or in an additional or new school.

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SECTION 46. 119.23 (2) (a) 7. c. of the statutes is amended to read:

119.23 (2) (a) 7. c. On or after July 1, 2009, a private school participating or or in the program voder 5. [18.66] seeking to participate in the program under this section may not apply for accreditation by the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, except that a private school that has applied for accreditation to the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University before July 1, 2009, and that is participating in the program under this section on the effective date of this subd. 7. c. [LRB inserts date], may, subject to subd. 7. e., complete the accreditation process with the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, and may, subject to subd. 7. e., seek renewal of accreditation from the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University.

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funding for the 2005-06 school year by Partners Advancing Values in Education and is participating in the program under this section on November 19, 2011, the private school achieves accreditation by Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, the diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located, or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation, an accrediting entity by December 31, 2015. If the private school is accredited as provided under this subd. 7. d., the private school is not required to obtain preaccreditation under subd. 7. b. or additional accreditation by an accrediting entity as a prerequisite to providing instruction

under this section in additional grades or in an additional or new school.

SECTION 48. 119.23 (2) (a) 7. e. of the statutes is created to read: 1 119.23 (2) (a) 7. e. For a private school that is accredited by the Institute for 2 the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University and that is participating 3 in the program under this section on the effective date of this subd. 7. e. [LRB 4 inserts datel, the private school achieves accreditation by an accrediting entity under 5 sub. (1) (ab) 1. by December 31, 2016. If the private school is accredited as provided 6 under this subd. 7. e., the private school is not required to obtain preaccreditation 7 8/ under subd. 7. b. or bm. for additional accreditation by an accrediting entity as a prerequisite to providing instruction under this section in additional grades or in an 9 additional or new school. 10 **SECTION 49.** 119.23 (2) (ag) of the statutes is created to read: 11 119.23 (2) (ag) The governing body of a new private school shall comply with 12 all of the following before the new private school may participate in the program 13 under this section: 14 1. By August 1 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in 15 which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this 16

section, complete and submit to the department the following on forms provided by

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An anticipated budget for the first fiscal period of participation in the a the private school will have program under this section that shows a positive cash flow in each month of the fiscal period and no operating deficit. The governing body shall include in the anticipated e completed form (budget anticipated enrollments for all pupils enrolled in the new private school and

for pupils enrolled in the new private school under this section; estimated revenues

- and costs; a schedule of anticipated beginning and ending net choice program assets; and a schedule of monthly cash flow requirements. The governing body shall include in the budget contingent funding sources the new private school will use in the event that actual enrollments are less than expected.
- c. The nonrefundable fee established by the department, as required under s. 119.23 (2) (a) 3., for the school year in which the fee is paid by the new private school. If the amount of the fee paid by the new private school under this subd. 1. c. increases for the school year in which the new private school will first participate in the program under this section, the new private school shall pay the difference between the fee paid and the fee due to the department. If the amount of the fee paid by the new private school under this subd. 1. c. decreases for the school year in which the new private school will first participate in the program under this section, the department shall refund the new private school the difference between the fee paid and the fee due to the department.
- 2. a. By August 1 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this section, submit to the department the information required under sub. (6m) (a) and (c).
- b. If, at the time the new private school submits the information required under subd. 2. a., the new private school does not have a physical property within which the private school intends to operate, submit a mailing address of an administrator of the private school.
- 3. By August 1 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this

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section, submit to the department a statement indicating which of the standards under sub. (7) (a) the private school intends to meet.

4. Notwithstanding the deadline to obtain preaccreditation under sub. (2) (a) 7. bm., by December 15 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this section, obtain preaccreditation from a preaccrediting entity.

SECTION 50. 119.23 (2) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (2) (ar) By December 31 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which a new private school intends to participate in the program under this section, the department shall notify the new private school in writing whether it has satisfied those requirements under par. (ag) that must be satisfied before December 31. If the department determines that the new private school has not satisfied those requirements, the new private school may not participate in the program under this section in the following school year, but may immediately reinitiate the process under par. (ag).

SECTION 51. 119.23 (7) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (7) (ad) The governing body of a private school participating in the SUBSC 10 and 20 and program under this section and accredited as required under sub. (2) (a) 7. shall ensure that the private school continuously maintains accreditation from an accrediting entity as long as the private school continues to participate in the program under this section.

SECTION 52. 119.23 (7) (ao) of the statutes is created to read:

119.23 (7) (ao) By November 1 of the first school term in which the new private school participates in the program under this section, the governing body of the private school shall submit to the department on a form provided by the department

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1) a budget reflecting the enrollments in the new private school on the immediately preceding 3rd Friday in September and any related changes in revenues, costs, and 2 3 cash flow requirements. SECTION 53. 119.23 (7) (em) of the statutes is created to read: 119.23 (7) (em) 1. Subject to subd. 2. beginning in the 2013–14 school year, the governing body of each private school participating in the program under this section 3 subject to subdo Lon shall/annually, by January 15, provide the department with evidence demonstrating that the private school remains accredited for the current school year as required under par. (ad). The governing body shall include as evidence of accreditation a letter 9 usert 26-10 prepared by/an accrediting entity that confirms that the private school is accredited 10 by that entity as of the date of the letter. 11 The governing body shall immediately notify the department if its 12 accreditation status changes. 13 **SECTION 54.** 119.23 (7) (f) of the statutes is repealed. 14 15 **Section 55.** 119.23 (9) of the statutes is amended to read: 119.23 (9) If any accrediting agency specified under sub. (2) (a) 7. a., b., or d. 16 or preaccrediting entity determines during the accrediting or preaccrediting process 17 that a private school does not meet all of the requirements under s. 118.165 (1), it 18 19 shall report that failure to the department. **SECTION 56.** 119.23 (10) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read: 20 119.23 (10) (a) 2. Failed to provide the notice or pay the fee required under sub. 21 (2) (a) 3. or 3m. b., or provide the information required under sub. (7) (am) or (d), by 22 23 the date or within the period specified.

SECTION 57. 119.23 (10) (am) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

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1	2	requirements under sub. (7) (f) (em).
	(3)	SECTION 58. 119.23 (10) (ar) of the statutes) is created to read:
	4	119.23 (10) (ar) 1. If the state superintendent determines that a private school
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.po	6	that the governing body of the private school has withdrawn the private school from
	7	the accreditation process, or that the private school's accreditation has been revoked,
	(8)	denied, or terminated by an accrediting agency, the state superintendent shall issue
	9	an order barring the private school's participation in the program under this section
	10	at the end of the current school year.
	11	2. A private school whose participation in the program under this section is
	12	barred under subd. 1. may not participate in the program under this section or under
	13	s. 118.60 until all of the following are satisfied:
	14)	a. Two consecutive school years pass.
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	(16)	the department that it has obtained accreditation from an accrediting entity 27-1
6	17	SECTION 59. 119.23 (10) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
V	18	119.23 (10) (c) Whenever the state superintendent issues an order under par.
	19	(a), (am), (ar), or (b), he or she shall immediately notify the parent or guardian of each
	20	pupil attending the private school under this section.
	21	SECTION 60. 119.23 (11) (c) of the statutes is created to read:
	22	119.23 (11) (c) Within 10 days after receiving the information submitted as
	23	required under sub. (7) (em), notify the participating private school of receipt and
	24	approval of accreditation status.
	25	SECTION 61. 447.06 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

447.06 (2) (a) 2. For a school board or, a governing body of a private school, as defined in s. 115.001 (3d), or a governing body of a tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m).

SECTION 62. 895.035 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 895.035 (1) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

895.035 (1) (a) In this section, "custody":

1. "Custody" means either legal custody of a child under a court order under s. 767.225 or 767.41, custody of a child under a stipulation under s. 767.34 or actual physical custody of a child. "Custody" does not include legal custody, as defined under s. 48.02 (12), by an agency or a person other than a child's birth or adoptive parent.

SECTION 63. 895.035 (1) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

895.035 (1) (a) 2. "Governing body of a private school" has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (3d).

SECTION 64. 938.02 (6m) of the statutes is created to read:

938.02 (6m) "Governing body of a private school" has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (3d).

SECTION 65. 950.08 (2w) of the statutes is amended to read:

950.08 (2w) Information to be provided by district attorneys to schools in criminal cases. If a criminal complaint is issued under s. 968.02 or if a petition for waiver is granted pursuant to s. 938.18, and the district attorney reasonably believes the person charged is a pupil enrolled in a school district, a private school, or a charter school established pursuant to 118.40 (2r), the district attorney shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the school board, governing body of the private school governing body, as defined in s. 115.001 (3d), or charter school governing body of the

charges pending against the pupil. The district attorney shall also notify the school board, governing body of the private school governing body, or charter school governing body of the final disposition of the charges.

SECTION 66. Nonstatutory provisions.

- (1) Notwithstanding sections 118.60 (7) (em) 1. and 119.23 (7) (em) 1. of the statutes, as created by this act, within 45 days after the effective date of this subsection, the governing body of each private school participating in the program under section 118.60 or 119.23 of the statutes in the 2012–13 school year shall submit to the department of public instruction evidence demonstrating the accreditation status of the private school. If applicable, the governing body of the participating private school shall include as evidence of accreditation a letter prepared by one of the accrediting entities identified under section 118.60 (1) (ab) or 119.23 (1) (ab) of the statutes that confirms that the private school is accredited by that entity or organization as of the date of the letter.
- (2) If a private school described in subsection (1) fails to comply with the notification requirement under subsection (1), the state superintendent of public instruction shall issue an order barring the private school's participation in the programs under sections 118.60 and 119.23 of the statutes beginning in the 2013–14 school year.

Section 67. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The treatment of section 118.60 (2) (b) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2013, or on the day after publication, whichever is later.

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118.60 (1) (c) "Preaccreditation" means the review and approval of an educational plan. Review of an education plan includes consideration of whether the school submitting the plan meets the requirements under s. 118.165 (1). The fact that a private school has obtained preaccreditation does not require an accreditation organization accrediting entity to accredit the private school.

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under this section and, subject to pars. (ag), (ar), (be), (bm), and (bs), any pupil in grades kindergarten to 12 who resides in a school district, other than an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, may attend any private school under this section

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118.60 (7) (ad) 1. If a private school accredited under sub. (2) (a) 7. to offer instruction in any elementary grade, but not any high school grade, seeks to offer instruction in any high school grade, the private school shall comply with the requirements to apply for and achieve accreditation for any additional grade in the manner established under (2) (a) 7. c.

2. If a private school accredited under sub. (2) (a) 7. to offer instruction in any high school grade, but not any elementary grade, seeks to offer instruction in any elementary grade, the private school shall comply with the requirements to apply for and achieve accreditation for any additional grade in the manner established under

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By May 1 before the first term of participation in the program under this section, the private school submits to the department, on a form provided by the department, a complete anticipated budget for the first fiscal period of participation 3 in the program under this section showing that the private school will have INSERT 11-16 obtain preaccreditation by a preaccrediting entity by August 1 before the first 5 school term in which the private school begins participation in, or reenters, the 6 program under this section, or by May 1 if the private school begins participating in, 7 or reenters the program during summer school. In any school year, a private school 8 to which this subd. 7. c. applies may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation 9 from only one preaccrediting entity. A private school to which this subd. 7. c. applies 10 that fails to obtain preaccreditation in a school year may apply for and seek to obtain 11 preaccreditation from a preaccrediting entity in the following school year. 12 4. A private school to which subd. 7. c. applies shall 13 INSERT 15-18 **SECTION 1.** 118.60 (10) (am) 2. of the statutes is amended to read: 14 118.60 (10) (am) 2. The private school's application for accreditation has been 15 denied by the accrediting organization entity. 16

History: 2011 a. 32, 47, 215; s. 35.17 correction in (4) (d) (intro.).

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History: 1989 a. 336; 1993 a. 16; 1995 a. 27 ss. 4002 to 4009, 9145 (1); 1995 a. 216; 1997 a. 27, 113; 1999 a. 9; 2001 a. 16, 105; 2003 a. 33, 155; 2005 a. 25, 125; 2009 a. 28, 96; 2011 a. 32, 47; 2013 a. 8; s. 13.92 (2) (i); s. 35.17 correction in (4) (d) (intro.).

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1. <u>Private schools that "reenter" a parental choice program</u>. I'm still not entirely clear about the language related to a private school that seeks to "reenter" the program under s. 118.60 or 119.23. This terminology appears in three subdivisions created in the bill: s. 118.60 (2) (a) 7. c. and s. 119.23 (2) (a) 7. bm. and br. All three of these subdivisions relate to preaccreditation and accreditation requirements.

When we spoke on June 20th, you mentioned that a school that seeks to reenter the program should be required to satisfy the requirements applicable to "new schools." It these requirements are found in s. 118.60 (2) (ag), and enforced under s. 118.60 (2) (ar). If that is your intent, I think I should remove the language about reentering schools from the accreditation sections, where the term is not defined and appears without any explanation or context, and instead include such schools as a separate kind of "new school."

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That said, what are the parameters for identifying such schools? How long must a school have been out of the program before it is considered to be "reentering" the program? Are there any prohibitions applicable to schools that want to reenter the program? That is, if a school was barred from participating in the program under ss. 118.60 (10) (a) 8. or (b) or 119.23 (10) (a) 8. or (b), may it nevertheless reenter the program? And, more generally, if a school is not participating in one of the programs, but has participated in the past (two or more years ago, for example) and is accredited, must the school still satisfy the requirements applicable to new schools?

Let me know how you'd like to proceed on this topic.

2. Accreditation of private schools that seek to offer additional grades. In response to my questions on p. 11 of LRB 1358/P3, you indicated that a private school that offers elementary grades must obtain a separate accreditation in order to offer high school grades; similarly, a private school that offers high school grades must obtain a separate accreditation in order to offer elementary grades. I have added language to this effect under ss. 118.60 (7) (ad) and 119.23 (7) (ad), both of which are created in 2013 Wisconsin Act 20 (the budget bill). Please review the language carefully to ensure that it accurately captures the standards and conventions for accreditation.

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AN ACT to repeal 118.30 (1s) (b) and 119.23 (7) (f); to renumber 118.60 (1) (a); to renumber and amend 118.30 (1s) (a), 118.60 (2) (a) 7., 118.60 (7) (ad), 119.23 (7) (ad) and 895.035 (1) (a); to amend 7.30 (2) (am), 48.355 (2) (c), 118.07 (2) (a), 118.07 (3), 118.30 (2) (b) 5., 118.33 (1) (f) 3., 118.33 (6) (c) 1., 118.33 (6) (c) 2., 118.60 (1) (c), 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.), 118.60 (2) (a) 3. a., 118.60 (7) (em) 1., 118.60 (9), 118.60 (10) (am) 2., 118.60 (10) (ar), 119.23 (1) (am), 119.23 (2) (a) (intro.), 119.23 (2) (a) 3., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. a., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. b., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. c., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. d., 119.23 (7) (em) 1., 119.23 (9), 119.23 (10) (am) 2., 119.23 (10) (ar), 447.06 (2) (a) 2. and 950.08 (2w); and to create 39.41 (1) (aj), 115.001 (3d), 118.60 (1) (ab), 118.60 (1) (bn), 118.60 (1) (cm), 118.60 (2) (a) 3g., 118.60 (2) (a) 7. c. and d., 118.60 (2) (ag), 118.60 (2) (ar), 118.60 (7) (ad) 1. and 2., 118.60 (7) (ao), 119.23 (1) (ab), 119.23 (1) (ai), 119.23 (1) (ap), 119.23 (2) (a) 3g., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. bm. and br., 119.23 (2) (a) 7. e., 119.23 (2) (ag), 119.23 (2) (ar), 119.23 (7) (ad) 1. and 2., 119.23 (7) (ao), 895.035 (1) (a) 2. and 938.02 (6m) of the statutes; relating to: requirements for new private schools seeking to

participate in a parental choice program and requiring a private school participating in a parental choice program to maintain accreditation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This is a preliminary draft. An analysis will be provided in a subsequent version of this draft.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 7.30 (2) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

7.30 (2) (am) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a pupil who is 16 or 17 years of age and who is enrolled in grades 9 to 12 in a public or private school or in a tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), may serve as an inspector at the polling place serving the pupil's residence, with the approval of the pupil's parent or guardian. Any pupil who has at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent may serve. In addition, a school board or, governing body of a private school, as defined in s. 115.001 (3d), or tribal school may establish criteria for service by a pupil who does not have at least a 3.0 grade point average or the equivalent. A pupil may serve as an inspector at a polling place under this paragraph only if at least one election official at the polling place other than the chief inspector is a qualified elector of this state. No pupil may serve as chief inspector at a polling place under this paragraph. Before appointment by any municipality of a pupil as an inspector under this paragraph, the municipal clerk shall obtain written authorization from the pupil's parent or guardian for the pupil to serve for the election for which he or she is appointed. In addition, if a pupil does not have at least a 3.0 grade point average or

the equivalent, the municipal clerk shall obtain written certification from the
principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled that the pupil meets any criteria
established by the school board or governing body for service as an inspector. Upon
appointment of a pupil to serve as an inspector, the municipal clerk shall notify the
principal of the school where the pupil is enrolled of the name of the pupil and the
date of the election at which the pupil has been appointed to serve.

SECTION 2. 39.41 (1) (aj) of the statutes is created to read:

39.41 (1) (aj) "Governing body of a private school" has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (3d).

SECTION 3. 48.355 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

48.355 (2) (c) If school attendance is a condition of an order under par. (b) 7., the order shall specify what constitutes a violation of the condition and shall direct the school board of the school district, in which the child is enrolled or the governing body of the private school, as defined in s. 115.001 (3d), in which the child is enrolled, or shall request the governing body of the tribal school in which the child is enrolled, to notify the county department that is responsible for supervising the child or, in a county having a population of 500,000 or more, the department within 5 days after any violation of the condition by the child.

SECTION 4. 115.001 (3d) of the statutes is created to read:

115.001 (3d) GOVERNING BODY OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL. "Governing body of a private school" and "governing body of a new private school" means a board elected or appointed to govern the private school or, if no board is appointed or elected to govern the school, any other person having direct charge of the private school.

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direct charge of any public or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method of departure from the building in case of a fire, except when the person having direct charge deems that the health of the pupils may be endangered by inclement weather conditions. At least twice annually, without previous warning, the person having direct charge of any public or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method of evacuation to a safe location in case of a tornado or other hazard. At least twice annually, without previous warning, the person having direct charge of any public or private school shall drill all pupils in the proper method of evacuation or other appropriate action in case of a school safety incident. The public and private school safety drill shall be based on the school safety plan adopted under s. 118.07 (4). A safety drill may be substituted for any other drill required under this paragraph. The school board or governing body of the person having direct charge of the private school shall maintain for at least 7 years a record of each fire drill, tornado or other hazard drill, and school safety drill conducted.

SECTION 6. 118.07 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.07 (3) The department shall make available to school districts, private schools, tribal schools, and charter schools information about meningococcal disease, including the causes and symptoms of the disease, how it is spread, and how to obtain additional information about the disease and the availability, effectiveness, and risks of vaccinations against the disease. The department may do so by posting the information on its Internet site. At the beginning of the 2006–07 to 2011–12 school years, each school board and the governing body of each private school and each charter school shall provide the parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grades 6 to 12 in the school district or school with the information. At the beginning of the

2012-13 school year and each school year thereafter, each school board and the
governing body of each private school and each charter school shall provide the
parents and guardians of pupils enrolled in grade 6 in the school district or school
with the information.
Section 7. 118.30 (1s) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 20,
is renumbered 118.30 (1s), and 118.30 (1s) (intro.), as renumbered, is amended to
read:
118.30 (1s) (intro.) Except as provided in par. (b), annually Annually, the
governing body of each private school participating in the program under s. 119.23
shall do all of the following:
SECTION 8. 118.30 (1s) (b) of the statutes is repealed.
Section 9. 118.30 (2) (b) 5. of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act
20, is amended to read:
118.30 (2) (b) 5. Upon the request of a pupil's parent or guardian, the governing
body of a private school participating in the program under s. 119.23 shall excuse the
pupil from taking an examination administered under sub. (1s) (a) 1. to $3m$ (cm).
Section 10. 118.33 (1) (f) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:
118.33 (1) (f) 3. Beginning on September 1, 2005, neither Neither a school
board nor an operator of a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r) may grant a high school
diploma to any pupil unless the pupil has satisfied the criteria specified in the school
board's or charter school's policy under subd. 1. or 2. Beginning on September 1,

s. 119.23 may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil attending the private

school under s. 119.23 unless the pupil has satisfied the criteria specified in the

governing body's policy under subd. 2m. The governing body of a private school

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participating in the program under s. 118.60 may not grant a high school diploma to any pupil attending the private school under s. 118.60 unless the pupil has satisfied the criteria specified in the governing body's policy under subd. 2r.

SECTION 11. 118.33 (6) (c) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.33 (6) (c) 1. The governing body of each private school participating in the program under s. 119.23 shall adopt a written policy specifying criteria for promoting a pupil who is attending the private school under s. 119.23 from the 4th grade to the 5th grade and from the 8th grade to the 9th grade. The criteria shall include the pupil's score on the examination administered under s. 118.30 (1s) (a) 1. or 2. (b), unless the pupil has been excused from taking the examination under s. 118.30 (2) (b); the pupil's academic performance; the recommendations of teachers, which shall be based solely on the pupil's academic performance; and any other academic criteria specified by the governing body of the private school.

Section 12. 118.33 (6) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

118.33 (6) (c) 2. Beginning on September 1, 2010, the The governing body of a private school participating in the program under s. 119.23 may not promote a 4th grade pupil who is attending the private school under s. 119.23 to the 5th grade, and may not promote an 8th grade pupil who is attending the private school under s. 119.23 to the 9th grade, unless the pupil satisfies the criteria for promotion specified in the governing body's policy under subd. 1.

SECTION 13. 118.60 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 118.60 (1) (ae).

SECTION 14. 118.60 (1) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:

"Accrediting entity" means Wisconsin North Central 118.60 **(1)** (ab) Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical

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1 Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, 2 Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, the diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located, and any other organization recognized by the National 3 Council for Private School Accreditation. 5 **Section 15.** 118.60 (1) (bn) of the statutes is created to read: 18.60 (1) (bn) "New private school" means a school that satisfies either of the 6 7 following: 1. The school qualifies as a private school under s. 115.001 (3r), but has never 9 operated in this state. 10 2. The school satisfies all of the following: a. The school is operating as a private school, as defined under s. 115.001 (3r). 11 b. The school has been in continuous operation for less than 12 consecutive 12 13 months. 14c. The school is not participating in the program under this section or under s. 15 119.23. d. The school provides education to fewer than 40 pupils divided into 2 or fewer 16 17 grades. e. The school is not operated or managed by a corporate board that currently 18 operates or manages a private school that is participating in the program under this 19 20 section or under s. 119.23.

Section 16. 118.60 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

educational plan. Review of an education plan includes consideration of whether the

school submitting the plan meets the requirements under s. 118.165 (1). The fact

"Preaccreditation" means the review and approval of an

1	that a private school has obtained preaccreditation does not require an accreditation
2	organization accrediting entity to accredit the private school.
3	SECTION 17. 118.60 (1) (cm) of the statutes is created to read:
4	118.60 (1) (cm) "Preaccrediting entity" means the Institute for the
5	Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, Wisconsin North Central
6	Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation,
7	Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical wisconsin Association of Lutheran School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, and
9	λ the diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located.
10	Section 18. 118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin
11	Act 20, is amended to read:
12	118.60 (2) (a) (intro.) Any Subject to pars. (ag) and (ar), any pupil in grades
13	kindergarten to 12 who resides within an eligible school district may attend any
14	private school under this section and, subject to pars. (ag), (ar), (be), (bm), and (bs),
15	any pupil in grades kindergarten to 12 who resides in a school district, other than
16	an eligible school district or a 1st class city school district, may attend any private
17	school under this section if all of the following apply:
18	SECTION 19. 118.60 (2) (a) 3. a. of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin
19	Act 20, is amended to read:
20	118.60 (2) (a) 3. a. Except as provided in subd. 3. b. and c. and sub. (2) (ag) 1.,
21	the private school notified the state superintendent of its intent to participate in the
22	program under this section or in the program under s. 119.23, and paid the
23	nonrefundable fee, set by the department as required under s. 119.23 (2) (a) 3., by
24	February 1 of the previous school year. The notice shall specify the number of pupils

participating in the program under this section and in the program under s. 119.23 for which the school has space.

Section 20. 118.60 (2) (a) 3g. of the statutes is created to read:

under this section, the private school submits to the department, on a form provided by the department, a complete anticipated budget for the first fiscal period of participation in the program under this section showing that the private school will have a positive cash flow in each month of the fiscal period and no operating deficite. The governing body shall include on the completed form anticipated enrollments for all pupils enrolled in the private school and for pupils enrolled in the private school under this section; estimated revenues and costs; a schedule of anticipated beginning and ending net choice program assets; and a schedule of monthly cash flow requirements. The governing body shall include in the budget contingent funding

SECTION 21. 118.60 (2) (a) 7. of the statutes, as affected by 2012 Wisconsin Act 20, is renumbered 118.60 (2) (a) 7. a. and amended to read:

sources the private school will use in the event that actual enrollments are less than

118.60 (2) (a) 7. a. For a private school that is a first-time participant in the program under this section or in the program under s. 119.23, on the effective date of this subd. 7. a. [LRB inserts date] and that is not accredited by Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent School Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, the diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located, or by any other organization recognized by the National

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Council for Private Schools Accreditation an accrediting entity, the private school obtains preaccreditation by the Institute for the Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, or the diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located a preaccreditation entity by August 1 before the first school term of participation in the program under this section or in the program under s. 119.23 that begins after July 1, 2013; August 1 before the first school term of participation in the program under this section that begins in the first school year that begins after a school district is identified as an eligible school district under sub. (1m); August 31, 2011, or by May 1 if the private school begins participation in the program under this section or in the program under s. 119.23 during summer school. In any school year, a private school may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation from only one of the entities enumerated in this subdivision preaccrediting entity. A private school that fails to obtain preaccreditation in a school year may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation from one of the entities enumerated in this subdivision a preaccrediting entity in the following school year. The

b. Each private school shall achieve accreditation by Wisconsin North Central Association, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, the diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located, or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation, participating in the program under this

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section on the effective date of this subd. 7. b. [LRB inserts date], that is not accredited by an accrediting entity shall apply for accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31 of the first school year that begins after the effective date of this subd. 7. b. [LRB inserts date], and shall achieve accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31 of the 3rd school year following the first school year in which the private school begins participation in the program under this section that begins after the effective date of this subd. 7. b. [LRB inserts date]. If the private school is accredited under this subdivision subd. 7. b., the private school is not required to obtain preaccreditation under subd. 7. a. as a prerequisite to providing instruction under this section in additional grades or in an additional or new school.

SECTION 22. 118.60 (2) (a) 7. c. and d. of the statutes are created to read:

the program under this section on or after the effective date of this subd. 7. [LRB inserts date], and that is not accredited by an accrediting entity, shall obtain preaccreditation by a preaccrediting entity by August 1 before the first school term in which the private school begins participation in, or reenters, the program under this section, or by May 1 if the private school begins participating in, or reenters the program during summer school. In any school year, a private school to which this subd. 7. ... applies may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation from only one preaccreditation in a school year may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation from a preaccrediting entity in the following school year.

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effective date of this subd. 7.d..... [LRB inserts date], in which the private school begins participation in, or reenters the program under this section, and shall achieve accreditation by an accrediting entity by December 31 of the 3rd school year following the school year in which the private school begins participation in, or reenters, the program under this section. If the private school is accredited under this subd. 7.d., the private school is not required to obtain preaccreditation under subd. 7.d. as a prerequisite to providing instruction under this section in additional grades or in an additional or new school.

SECTION 23. 118.60 (2) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:

118.60 (2) (ag) The governing body of a new private school shall comply with all of the following before the new private school may participate in the program under this section:

- 1. By August 1 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this section, complete and submit to the department the following on forms provided by the department:
- a. A notice of intent to participate and agreement to comply with procedural requirements.
- b. A complete anticipated budget for the first fiscal period of participation in the program under this section showing that the private school will have a positive cash flow in each month of the fiscal period and no operating deficit. The governing body shall include on the completed form anticipated enrollments for all pupils enrolled in the new private school and for pupils enrolled in the new private school under this section; estimated revenues and costs; a schedule of anticipated beginning and ending net choice program assets; and a schedule of monthly cash flow

- requirements. The governing body shall include in the budget contingent funding sources the new private school will use in the event that actual enrollments are less than expected.
- c. The nonrefundable fee established by the department, as required under s. 119.23 (2) (a) 3., for the school year in which the fee is paid by the new private school. If the amount of the fee paid by the new private school under this subd. 1. c. increases for the school year in which the new private school will first participate in the program under this section, the new private school shall pay the difference between the fee paid and the fee due to the department. If the amount of the fee paid by the new private school under this subd. 1. c. decreases for the school year in which the new private school will first participate in the program under this section, the department shall refund the new private school the difference between the fee paid and the fee due to the department.
- 2. a. By August 1 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this section, submit to the department the information required under sub. (6m) (a) and (c).
- b. If, at the time the new private school submits the information required under subd. 2. a., the new private school does not have a physical property within which the private school intends to operate, submit a mailing address of an administrator of the private school.
- 3. By August 1 of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the new private school intends to participate in the program under this section, submit to the department a statement indicating which of the standards under sub. (7) (a) the private school intends to meet.